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## PATRIOTS (?) ALL.

Gold Thieves Still Looting Uncle Sam's Strong Box.

Under the Guise of Patriotism They Gallantly

RUSH TO THE RESCUE

With Gold for the New Issue of Bonds.

And Then Make Another Rush With Bags and Baskets

TO CARRY IT OFF.

The Gold Reserve Already Depleted \$25,000,000.

And Another Issue For the Thieves Assured.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Another issue of gold bonds is bound to come soon. Gradually the "public spirited" financiers who subscribed to the last issue of government bonds are recouping themselves by drawing the gold paid therefor out of the sub-treasury. Nearly \$25,000,000 of the gold paid for the bonds has been withdrawn already and either stored in the vaults of the local banks or shipped to Europe. The patriots are now asking for more, like Oliver Twist.

There are certain unmistakable signs of a bond movement, which are just now manifesting themselves, and it is altogether likely that a series of interviews will be forthcoming before long in which the necessity of another issue of government securities will be exploited learnedly and at length.

As a sort of preliminary warning the bankers hurried themselves today with a little "incident" in the gold situation, which was by some of them considered of large significance. On account of a customer, as the story goes, a foreign banking house, one of the clearing house institutions, withdrew \$2,000,000 in gold from the sub-treasury last week for export. The bank's customer desired to send abroad \$750,000, but asked for \$2,000,000 in order to make sure of getting \$750,000 in full weight gold coin. Gold exported is accepted abroad for its weight as bullion, and a loss is sustained by the shipper in sending light weight coin. Mixed or regular coin only was offered at the sub-treasury in this instance, it is alleged, and for this reason more than twice as much gold as was needed was withdrawn. The foreign firm selected from the total lot withdrawn \$750,000 full-weight coin for export. The balance was turned back at the bank making the withdrawal. The bank in its turn through another bank, requested the sub-treasury to exchange the balance of the gold for gold certificates.

The sub-treasury declined to accept the gold in exchange for the gold certificates and the bank involved gave out the story that the refusal was based on the gold being of light weight.

Learned essays on finance followed the recital of this yarn today. It was pointed out by one erudite banker that if it took \$2,000,000 in sub-treasury gold to make \$750,000 in British gold, the stock of treasury gold should be \$26,666,666. This done, the gold reserve, instead of being about \$24,000,000, should properly be considered as \$43,000,000 with a panic in sight.

At the sub-treasury all knowledge of the transaction was denied. It was said that gold certificates might have been refused, inasmuch as the practice of issuing them had to some extent lapsed. The shrinkage in gold eagles, it was said, was nothing like that stated, and the whole story was declared to be a roorback.

### GOLD EMBROIDERY.

Since the issue of bonds the Reserve Depleted \$25,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—When Representative Walker was explaining his theory of banking to the house today, while a large and interested crowd of members gathered about his seat to listen to his skillful exposition, the belief of the Carlisle plan, Representative D. B. Henderson, of Dubuque, inquired of the Boston man what the effect of the passage of the Carlisle scheme would be.

"I believe," said Mr. Walker impressively, "that the inevitable result would be sudden lack of confidence, the withdrawal of foreign investments, and a constant and immediate drain on the gold reserve. Mr. Carlisle does not expect his plan to do any good for five years. Its harm would commence at once."

This prediction as to what might happen could easily be applied to what has happened already. Within a month since the last issue of bonds the gold reserve has been depleted \$25,000,000, and the bulk of this movement of the government stock of gold has been since the publication of the scheme of the secretary of the treasury "to reform" the currency. Under these circumstances it is not strange the opinion is becoming general that a normal export movement is not so much responsible for the drain of gold as the growing feeling of insecurity lest a bill so subversive of existing financial conditions as the Carlisle scheme may be passed by the reckless and irresponsible congress.

Those who have watched the current of events here in Washington know there is but little prospect of any change in the banking and currency laws, but the financial world does not know that.

Treasury officials express the belief publicly that the drain of gold will soon stop, but privately they talk differently, and admit that outside of the normal winter export movement of gold private

holders will continue to demand gold until assured that financial conditions have had their day. One thing is certain, and that is, President Cleveland will order another bond issue whenever necessary without taking congress into his confidence.

### MORE SKULDUGGERY.

New Yorkers Now Attempting to Juggle the Government's Gold.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Sub-treasury officials say an effort is being made in New York to juggle the government's gold. Exporters are working all kinds of schemes to get full weight coins. They are very anxious to get hold of gold bars and hecks with the government stamp of weight and fineness on them. Uncle Sam has \$40,000,000 worth of these, but in order to cut down exports some time ago made it a rule to redeem treasury notes only in gold coin.

The lightweight coins complained of are within the legal limit, one-half of one per cent, but the shippers have felt the loss, and have sorted the coins, keeping the lightweight ones at home. The banks objected to taking them, and one foreign house took a lot to the sub-treasury and asked that they be redeemed in paper.

This the treasury officials declined to do, saying the redeeming of paper promises to pay did not carry with it the reverse duty of redeeming gold in paper. The only thing left to do was to deposit the gold in the bank, whence it would work its way back into the sub-treasury. This assay office has received a novel proposition from an exporting house.

It wanted to deposit American gold coin and have it melted into stamped bars. The proposition was declined, though if the coin was light weight or mutilated it could be remelted at the assay office for assistance in tracing the gold bars, which he said had been smuggled in from Mexico.

### A VENAL ALDERMAN.

A Chicago Concessionaire Asks \$25,000 to Get Favorite Legislation.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The Herald today publishes the statement that Alderman J. Powers, one of the most prominent members of the city council, has been caught in the act of asking \$25,000 for a bill of legislation, offering to deliver the votes of forty or more members of the council for a consideration of that amount in cash.

The \$25,000 proposition is stated to have been made to Neil McCull, the Chicago manager of a large corporation, the forty votes to be furnished to kill the so-called anticigarette ordinance in which McCull was presumably interested.

A stenographic report of the sund-bagging proposition and the McCull's position in full between Powers and McCull was obtained by a representative of the Herald, who was concealed behind a door, the panel of which was removed. In view of the proposed investigation of police crookedness and other municipal corruption the Herald story has caused much excitement.

### SENATE WILL ADJOURN.

The Holiday Vacation Resolution Passes After Some Debate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—There was but a small attendance at the senate when the body was called to order today by President pro tem Harris, a number of the senators having left for home in anticipation of the holiday recess.

After some routine business had been transacted, the holiday adjournment resolution was formally laid before the senate, and Mr. Conkling (Dem., Mo.) said it was perfectly manifest to those familiar with the transaction of business in the senate, that it would be impossible to keep a quorum here between now and January 3. He asked unanimous consent that the resolution be now considered.

Mr. George (Dem. Miss.) however, objected. For the purpose of bringing the matter before the senate, Mr. Anderson (Rep. Neb.) moved the reference of the holiday adjournment to the appropriations committee.

Mr. Morgan then addressed the senate on the resolution. He believed it was the duty of the senate, as on former occasions, to sit during the holidays and he proposed to take such steps as would test the sense of the senate on the question.

Senator George took the floor and withdrew his objection to the adjournment resolution, which was passed without objection.

### THE HOUSE STILL DEBATES CURRENCY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—There were few members on the floor when the house convened this morning. A few bills were passed by unanimous consent, before the regular order was demanded. Debate on the currency bill was then resumed.

### RUSSIAN CONSTITUTION.

The People's Rights Party Demands One Providing for Universal Suffrage.

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—The Vorwarts today prints what it claims to be a draft of the new Russian constitution which the People's Rights party has prepared for Russia. It provides for an imperial parliament and a diet for each province.

Each member of the imperial parliament, it is proposed, is to represent 200,000 people and to be elected by universal suffrage. The czar is to remain the supreme head of the state.

### THE CONVERTED PRIEST.

"His Life and Conversion." Bishop McNamara in Hamilton hall tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Closing lecture at 7:45.

CHAS. H. MANEUR CONFIRMED. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The senate in executive session today confirmed the nomination of Charles H. Maneur of Missouri to be assistant comptroller of the treasury; office created July 31, 1894.

### 500 TURKEYS.

All weights. Tomorrow's market, 708 Kansas avenue.

We want you to know that we are selling good goods cheap at 208 west Sixth street. What Griggs & Astell.

## ON HIS TRACK.

Powerful Evidence Found Today That Mrs. Matson

Was Murdered by Nelson Bailey, Mrs. Matson's Tenant.

A Heavy Murderous Looking Iron Implement

BELONGING TO BAILEY

Found in the Bloody Wrappings About the Head

Of the Murdered Woman, and Fully Identified.

BAILEY RUNS AWAY.

He Left for Chattanooga Last Monday.

Arrests Made Today and More Coming—The Inquest.

There are strong indications today that the murderer of Mrs. A. D. Matson has been discovered.

Suspicion now rests strongly on Nelson Bailey, colored, and a tenant of Mrs. Matson's.

Bailey left hurriedly for Chattanooga, Tenn., last Monday.

Today the officers came into the possession of facts which prove almost beyond dispute that the window-weight used for a "slang-shot" which was found yesterday, belonged to Bailey. He displayed the same weapon some time ago when he said he was going to kill his wife who had run off with another man. The names of the persons who identified this weapon can not be published at present.

The finding of the window weight is the only clue which has brought any tangible results. The window weight is a heavy iron piece about five inches long with a hole at one end through which a rope was passed and formed a loop. Around the rope, cloth was wrapped to keep the rope from cutting the hand of the man carrying it. When the loop was slipped about the wrist it formed a weapon which could kill at a single blow. This deadly weapon was found by "Doc" Ward yesterday wrapped in the old dress which had been twisted over Mrs. Matson's head.

The police had examined the same cloth a day before, but not carefully, as they were saturated with blood and not pleasant things to handle. The work of locating the owner of the "slang-shot" has occupied the time of Sheriff Burdge, John Wilkerson, "Doc" Ward and the JOURNAL reporter ever since. The officers found that Mrs. Frank Nevels had once possessed an apron like the cloth found on the slung. This resulted in Frank Nevels' arrest last night. Bailey was strongly suspected yesterday, but for obvious reasons this was not given publication.

Bailey is a well known colored man, having played the trombone in Jackson's Dispatch band. At one time he ran the furnaces in the Metropolitan building. He is rather bashful, but not decidedly so. He once worked in a local undertaker's store, when an incident occurred which shows the nature of the man. All of the other men were out and someone had to be sent to embalm a colored woman. When he returned the boss said:

"Well, Bailey, how did you get along?" "Oh, I think she'll keep, sah. I must have poured most a gallon into her, sah," he laughed loud and long at his humor.

Telegrams were sent to Chattanooga today to arrest Bailey and hold him on the charge of murder. An accurate description of the man was also sent.

### ARRESTS MADE.

The Sheriff Makes a Haul of Importance Last Night.

Sheriff Burdge and a party of deputies made the first arrests last night that have been made in connection with the Matson murder. There are reasons for thinking that Frank Nevels, a negro about 30 years old, a cook by occupation, was one of the murderers. He is known to the officers as an all-round crook. The other man arrested was booked for assault, and while he is not suspected of any implication in the murder he appears to be entirely too wise regarding it.

In the party which made the arrests were Sheriff Burdge, John M. Wilkerson, a JOURNAL reporter, "Doc" Ward, J. E. Dumont, Dan Jones, and a colored man familiar with that part of the city, who was deputized to act as a guide. The arrests were made in a secluded place. By following Fifteenth street almost to the Shuang-nung road curves slightly. After following the curve several rods a lonely lane is reached which leads north through the woods to an old dry ravine which appears to describe a half circle. Climbing down one bank and up the other, a group of half a dozen two-room houses are found on the elevation in the center. Mrs. Matson owned these houses, and more undesirable tenants could hardly be imagined.

In order that the houses might be sur-

rounded and escape shut off, the officers left the Missouri Pacific depot shortly before dusk in two parties, one going boldly by way of Fifteenth street and the other cutting across a large cornfield and approaching by the rear.

While the other houses were guarded Sheriff Burdge and John Wilkerson went to the house of Nelson Bailey. They were told that Bailey had left town last Monday for parts unknown. A search of the house failed to find the man they wanted.

There were, however, three men and one woman there, the latter one of the most depraved and vile creatures who ever uttered an oath. She swore vengeance on the officers and everyone else. The men were equally disagreeable. One of the men assaulted "Doc" Ward and was arrested.

Frank Nevels was found in his two-room house with his white "woman" eating supper. He is rather well dressed and has more intelligence than some of his neighbors. He took his arrest calmly, even smiling. He denies having anything to do with the murder, but he failed to produce it. Two very suspicious letters were found in the house however. One of them was to some friend in Texas, written about two weeks ago but not mailed, to the effect, "I haven't any money as Jim hasn't come yet, but when he comes we have a scheme by which we can get some money. I will try and be in Texas by Christmas, or at least by New Year's."

The grounds which first caused suspicion to rest upon Nevels was that he had trouble with Mrs. Matson regarding the rent and he had threatened to kill her. It would appear that the man "Jim" in the letter, whoever he is, must be his accomplice, supposing of course that Nevels is guilty. The fact that Nevels left last Monday for Tennessee is also suspicious on the face of it, and would indicate that the officers in their raid last night on this noted of depravity had made an excellent guess.

The sheriff of Montgomery county some time ago told Sheriff Burdge that Nevels was an all-round crook and no doubt he would do well to watch him closely. Nevels was not talkative. He never uttered a word except in monosyllables in response to questions. Sheriff Burdge and ex-Sheriff Wilkerson set their question traps at work and succeeded in getting him to contradict himself regarding his past history. He is light in color, almost a mulatto, and has a small mustache.

When the sheriff was putting Nevels through a rigid cross examination, the JOURNAL reporter left the house and joined "Doc" Ward and Dumont. One of the men in Bailey's house had returned and was showing signs of being troublesome. He was afterwards found to be John Randolph, who, although white, is a leader of the colored gang which infests this locality. Randolph had been drinking and wanted to fight Ward. In physical stature he had Ward bested. He abused him with every epithet at his disposal, and finally Ward lost patience and said: "Now here I don't want to have any trouble with you. Get out of here right now, if you don't want to get smashed."

"Smashed, did you say?" "You," and with that he drew a knife from his pocket with a blade about six inches long, and advanced towards Ward in an instant. Randolph had his revolver out and pointed squarely at Randolph's breast. "Stop where you are," Doc said, "or I'll shoot sure as—"

The sight of the revolver did not have the slightest effect on Randolph. He continued to advance, and when he got within reach, Ward struck him over the head with his revolver. It did not cause him to fall, although he spun about like a top. When he regained his balance he made a second rush towards Ward, who again struck him over the head, inflicting a wound that bled profusely.

At this juncture, Dumont, who was unarmed, borrowed the JOURNAL reporter's revolver and took a hand in the melee. He compelled the man to hold his hands up high, and marched him that way to the county jail.

Dumont made the arrest for no other purpose than for finding out what Randolph knew regarding the murder. He learned from him that Bailey skipped to Chattanooga, Tenn., last Monday, and Dumont thinks he got some other valuable clues. The charge of assault will be used as a lever to compel him to tell what he knows.

The circumstantial evidence against Nevels is strong enough to warrant his being held.

The police are looking for Mrs. Matson's gold watch among the pawn-shops and other places in Topeka where it would be likely to be disposed of. Besides the watch Mrs. Matson usually wore a large old-fashioned gold chain about her neck, as shown in the picture printed in the JOURNAL yesterday.

William Hall Jenkins says he would be able to identify the watch, as would Justice of the Peace G. W. Whitmore of Oakland. The police say Mrs. Matson had three watches, two gold ones and one silver.

### THE CORONER'S INQUEST.

Interesting Details Concerning Mrs. Matson's Life Are Elucidated.

The examination of witnesses in the hearing before the coroner's jury in the Matson murder case, began at 9 o'clock this morning.

The first witness called this morning was D. Wiscomb, who with his wife lived in two of the rooms of the Matson home from June 23 to October 13.

Wiscomb testified that he knew of no serious trouble she had had with anyone and she seemed to think a good deal of her husband. At one time she sent him a suit of clothes.

Q—Do you know if she kept any money about the house?

A—No.

Q—Did you know much about her habits of life?

A—Very little. She was a peculiar woman and was not very sociable.

Q—Do you know if she had any enemies?

A—I do not. The colored people there didn't seem to like her. They used to stand about and hang on her picket fence and talk and she used to go out and drive them away. Sometimes there would be quarrels about it, but nothing very serious. One time the young colored men were playing ball as she came along the street near her home, and the ball rolled near her. It might have hit her. She was angry about it, I think, for she picked the ball up and carried it into the house and kept it two or three weeks. John Miller got a policeman to get the ball I think.

Q—Do you know anything about an ax she had?

A—I never saw an ax there, but my wife said she saw one nearly new.

Q—Did you know anything about her finances?

A—No; she kept that very much to herself as she did most everything else.

Q—Did you ever know that she was afraid of any one?

A—I never thought she was. She talked some about John Miller and hated to have him about the house. She said he had talked mean to her about the ball but I don't think she was afraid of him.

Miss Sue R. Lovell was called next. Miss Lovell is the teacher at Clay school who knew Mrs. Matson for eight years and was quite intimate with her. She saw her last on Thanksgiving Day.

Q—Did you know anything about her affairs or will?

A—No, sir.

Q—Did she ever have any trouble with any one that you know of?

A—No, Sir.

Q—Did she have any fears of any one?

A—I think she never did. She was in the habit of going out a great deal at night and staying sometimes till 11 o'clock, and going home alone. She did that Thanksgiving evening at our house.

A pair of spectacles were found in the house, on a window sill, that might have been worn by a man. The question was asked: "Do you know what sort of spectacles she usually wore?"

A—I am not sure, but I think they were common nose glasses. I don't know much about her jewelry except that she wore a gold watch with a long chain about her neck.

Q—Do you know anything about her money affairs?

A—Not much. She was very reticent about that. I understood from her, though, that she was in considerable distress in regard to not having all the money she wanted. She sent money to her husband.

Q—Do you know anything about her having trouble with her tenants or husband?

A—Only with one that could be any way serious, and that was a tenant at Shipton and happened two years ago. I didn't know of any trouble with her husband.

Miss H. R. Lovell was next called, and in answer to question said: "I was not intimately acquainted with her, but am sure she wore nose glasses. She had a watch and long chain, but I don't know about it. I remember that she had an ax that she broke coal with once when I was there, but I do not know what sort of an ax it was. She had no weapons in the house that I know of."

Mrs. Estes is the colored woman who lived in one of Mrs. Matson's houses and did work for her in cleaning up her tenant houses. She had been at Mrs. Matson's home often, but did not know much about her personally. Mrs. Estes testified:

"I don't know of any serious trouble that Mrs. Matson had with anyone. She sometimes had trouble in collecting her rents but nothing very serious that I know of. I saw her last two weeks ago Thursday at her home. My husband worked for her some. He rented some of her land for a garden on shares and sometimes did work about the house. I never heard that she had any trouble with people. Never heard of any trouble with John Miller."

Mrs. Dunbar lives at Fourteenth and Quincy streets. She testified:

"I knew Mrs. Matson but have not been at her home since last summer—in October, I think. I pastured my horse in her yard and she said she would take a ride with me occasionally in payment for it. She did not talk much about herself and I never heard of any trouble or fear she had. I did not know she had an enemy on earth. She sometimes talked about her tenants and said she lived alone because she preferred that."

K. J. Vaneiver saw her at the house and saw her go in the east door on the evening of Tuesday, December 11, at five o'clock and didn't see her at the house next day at all. Never heard of any trouble.

Will Robertson, the colored man who lives across the street testified:

"I know nothing about trouble Mrs. Matson may have had in regard to her property. I had done work at the house. She had had some personal trouble with John Miller. He had borrowed a dollar of her once and not paid it back when he wanted to borrow another dollar. She said he was a rascal. I never heard any threats Miller made against her. I knew nothing about the ax."

W. G. Gilpatrick, who had known Mrs. Matson and her husband for twenty years, was called to the stand next.

Q—Do you know whether Mrs. Matson had a will or not?

A—I do not personally, but I heard from good authority that she had, and that she had told her husband before he went to California, that she intended to leave her half of the property to her relatives.

Q—Did you ever know of any trouble between Mr. and Mrs. Matson?

A—I heard once that he talked of getting a divorce from her, and gave as his reason that she "was getting too old."

Q—Did she have any life insurance?

A—I don't know.

Q—Did you ever know of her having trouble with anyone?

A—No serious trouble.

Mr. Gilpatrick then retold the story of meeting Matson in California wheeling a baby carriage, as it was told in yesterday's JOURNAL.

Miss Tiny Gilpatrick then took the stand.

Q—Do you know whether or not Mrs. Matson made a will?

A—Yes, sir; I saw it four years ago.

Q—How did it divide the property?

A—She gave her share of all the property to her sister in Michigan.

Q—Could you find this will now?

A—I don't know. It was kept in a tin box with other valuable papers in the secretary, and I saw the box once last summer.

Q—Had she any life insurance?

A—I think she had life insurance of perhaps \$1,000, though I am not sure, and if she had, I think it was made payable to her husband. She kept her money in the Knox bank at one time, but I don't know that she had a bank account at the time of her death.

Q—Did you ever know of any other trouble that she had when any one made threats to her?

A—Yes, sir. When Rev. Dr. George was here about ten years ago, Mr. Matson got a position somewhere in the northern part of the state and went there. His wife went with him. At Dr. George's suggestion they left the family china, silverware and linen at his house stored away. When the Matsons returned they found George was using them. Mrs. Matson was angry about it and had a quarrel with George, who told her he would kill her and her husband too.

Q—Did you ever hear that she had any trouble with or fear of anybody?

A—I never did.

Charles McMillan, the constable, was next called to the stand. He is probably the last person that saw Mrs. Matson alive.

Q—When did you see Mrs. Matson last?

A—A week ago last Wednesday evening about 8:30 o'clock.

Q—Where was she? Tell about it.

A—I was going home by street car and passed south on Monroe street. The curtain to her north window was about two-thirds up and I could plainly see two men and Mrs. Matson talking in the dining room. A lamp was burning brightly and seemed to be on the organ. Mrs. Matson stood between the two men and seemed to be talking to the taller one. He was about five feet and eleven inches tall. I could not see above his chin for the curtain. He wore no beard. The other man was some shorter. They were both of medium build, dark complexion and seemed to be the same and I went on by. I think Mrs. Matson smiled at the man she was talking to.

This concluded the testimony for today, and the jury will examine some more witnesses on Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

### No Photographs Possible.

The plan to photograph the retina of Mrs. Matson's eyes to see if the faces of the murderers had left any impression there, has fallen through. It was found that the eyes were too much injured by the blows received to make such a photograph possible.

### A Gang of Thieves Captured.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 22.—A band of thieves known as the Dan Palmer gang, whose depredations have reached over all this section, were captured by the Wichita police this morning in a deserted shanty on the outskirts of town. Farmers by the score have suffered the loss of horses, cows, hogs, grain and barns.

### Wichita Embroider Caught.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 22.—A special to the Star from Wichita says: C. C. Hoadley, an insurance man, was in back from Cedar Rapids this morning, charged with the embezzlement of money belonging to the New York Life agency in this city, with which Hoadley was formerly connected. The alleged embezzlement occurred in June last. Hoadley has been let out on bail.

### Justice Brewer Presided.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Forefather Day was celebrated here last night by a banquet at Willard's hotel. Justice Brewer of the supreme court, presided.

### Gutierrez a Stepmother Dead.

FREEPORT, Ill., Dec. 22.—Mrs. L. W. Gutierrez, since 1852 a resident of this city and stepmother of the assassin of President Garfield, died last night.

Advertisement for Rigby's Candies, listing various sweets and their location at 425 Kansas Ave.

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